

## **Governor Sebelius reflects on Independence Day:**

"A time to celebrate and remember those who protect our freedoms"

"We celebrated the founding of the United States this week as a nation devoted to protecting freedom, justice and liberty. Kansans are coming together for community celebrations, parades, family cookouts and baseball games, throughout our great state. At the same time, we need to be mindful of our neighbors and friends who have a loved one missing from their family gathering.

"As Kansans celebrate our freedoms here at home, I ask that we each remember the men and women, past and present, who serve the cause of liberty and who remind us that freedom has never been free.

"We thank those in military service for their sacrifice and dedication. For those brave men and women who are now in harms way, we wish them Godspeed and a safe journey home."